

GEN. VAN WYCK'S DEAD

He Passes Peacefully Away at
the Portland Flats.

HE WAS STRICKEN MONDAY

All the Members of His Immediate Family were Present at the End. Funeral to Take Place at His Old Home in Pennsylvania—Sketch of His Career.

Ex-United States Senator Charles B. Van Wyck died yesterday at 4:30 p. m., at the Portland Flats.

Death came as calmly as sleep, those at his bedside believing that he felt no pain. There were with him when he died, his wife, his little daughter, Bessie, twelve years old, his brother-in-law, Mark Brady, and Mrs. Brady. Last Monday, while at lunch with his family, his hands dropped to his side and he sank back in his chair, and but for timely aid, would have fallen to the floor. Dr. McGruder, who resides at the Portland, was soon on the scene and pronounced the affliction a paralytic stroke. A call was sent for the family physician and Mrs. W. W. Johnson and Van Wyck's sister, responded, but could be of no avail. The stricken man sank into a state of coma, from which he never recovered.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The body, accompanied by those relatives who were with him when he died, will leave Washington for Portland, Me., where the funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon. The pallbearers had not been chosen up to a late hour last night.

George P. Van Wyck, a retired Army officer, who lives in this city, is a brother of the deceased.

Charles Henry Van Wyck was born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 10, 1824. He received his education at Rutgers, graduating in 1843, and adopted the profession of law. From 1843 to 1856 he was district attorney of Sullivan County, N. Y. In 1859 he was sent to Congress, serving in the lower house as a Republican.

While holding a seat, in 1863, he became colonel of the Tenth Legion, or Fifty-sixth Regiment of New York Volunteer Infantry. He served with Gen. George B. Meade in the battle of Gettysburg, and in 1865 was made brevet brigadier general of volunteers.

WOUNDED ON THE FIELD.

In one of the engagements of the war he received a wound in one leg, producing a lameness from which he never recovered. He came back to Congress in 1867, and remained until 1871, during which time he was chairman of the committee on reformation.

HIS POLITICAL CAREER.

In 1874 he moved to his ranch at Lone Lodge, near Nebraska City, Nebraska. Here he engaged in farming.

He also took active part in politics, was a delegate to the constitutional convention in 1876, and was a State senator from 1876 to 1880. In 1881 he was elected United States senator and held his seat until 1887, when he was succeeded by Senator Paddock.

He erected the large house at the southwest corner of Massachusetts avenue and Eleventh street, where he resided for some time. Upon his retirement from public life, he leased the house to Chief Justice Fuller, who now resides there. Several years ago Mr. Van Wyck purchased a tract of land on the triangular piece of ground opposite his residence, where is located the building formerly known as the Church of the Holy Cross, and now occupied as a mission of the Metropolitan M. E. Church.

MERCHANTS' ASSIGN.

They Were Dealing in Electrical Supplies in Japan.

New York, Oct. 24.—Largely and Hilles, who carry on a general electrical supply business in Yokohama, Japan, with an office in this city, assigned here today to James W. Godfrey. They went to Japan about eight years ago and built up a large trade in this line.

Mr. Godfrey stated that the failure was largely due to the shrinkage in silver and cost of exchange, which caused them heavy losses on contracts they had on hand. Their losses on contracts are probably \$75,000. Most of the creditors are in this city and England.

The liabilities are not yet known, nor the assets, which are all in Japan. Mr. Bagnell is in this city now trying to make a settlement with creditors here.

COLOR LINE DRAWN.

Oklahoma School Trustees Will Be Put in Jail.

Perry, O. T., Oct. 24.—The members of the local school board will probably be put in jail to-day for refusing to admit negro children to white schools.

The colored people obtained a writ of mandamus to-day, and, accompanied by a board to admit all children to the city schools, but under authority of the Board Superintendent Augustine ordered the colored children from the white schools to their own buildings.

CANADA FOR FRANCE.

Predicted That in Fifty Years the French Will Have It.

Montreal, Oct. 24.—Monde, a Liberal French paper here, says the French are on the way to reconquer Canada. It says that in fifty years the French will be dominant in the northwest.

DUE TO PROHIBITION.

Maine Town's Only Hotel Will Close Its Doors.

Biddeford, Me., Oct. 24.—Notice was to-day served on the guests at Hotel Thacher, Biddeford's only public house, that it will be closed Friday next week, on account of "prohibition." The reason printed on the notice given for the proprietor's action.

Married at Seventy.

Vincennes, Ind., Oct. 24.—Vincennes was astonished yesterday by the announcement that Dr. Thomas B. Welch had been married to Victoria Sherburne. Both of the contracting parties are well known throughout the State.

Dr. Welch is 70 years old, with long, flowing white hair and beard. For years he was editor of Bishop Taylor's "African Magazine."

Mrs. Yanaga Gets Her Divorce.

Yankton, S. D., Oct. 24.—Mrs. Yanaga, the famous New York beauty, secured her divorce to-day.

Drink Washington Brewery Co.'s Ruby Lager.

BACK FROM THE SOUTHLAND

President and His Party Returned
from Atlanta.At Lynchburg and Other Virginia
Towns Big Crowds Turned Out to
See the Famous Special.

President Cleveland and the members of his Cabinet arrived home from Atlanta at ten minutes past 8 last night.

The special train bearing the President and his party left for Washington before 8:30, so consequently there was only the usual crowd in the depot at the time of its arrival.

The President, accompanied by Secretary Thurber, alighted from the car Whitcomb and leisurely walked down the platform closely followed by the other members of the party who made the trip to the exposition. Mr. Cleveland wore a dark overcoat and the conventional silk hat, and carried a small black traveling bag in one hand, and a bunch of tobacco leaves in the other.

He descended in excellent spirits and bowed to the train as he passed through the gates.

Most all of the Cabinet officers and their ladies carried umbrellas and souvenirs of the trip. Carriages were in waiting at the main entrance. The President and Secretary Thurber were the first to reach the hotel, and entering a carriage were driven rapidly to the White House.

Lynchburg, Va., Oct. 24.—President Cleveland passed through Lynchburg for the third time to-day and a big crowd turned out to see both the head of the Government and his fine train.

The Presidential train arrived at 3:30 and was cheered by the crowd. As soon as possible a line was formed and several hundred people shook hands with the President. Sen. Fitchburg was one of the first, and was invited to a place on the platform, which was filled with the cabinet officers. Some enthusiastic admirers of Secretary Thurber called him out and shook hands with him. After a stop of five minutes, and after the line had been broken up, the train passed on amid enthusiastic cheers from the crowd.

Danville, Va., Oct. 24.—The Presidential train arrived here at 1:45 p. m. and was cheered by the crowd. As soon as possible a line was formed and several hundred people shook hands with the President. Sen. Fitchburg was one of the first, and was invited to a place on the platform, which was filled with the cabinet officers. Some enthusiastic admirers of Secretary Thurber called him out and shook hands with him. After a stop of five minutes, and after the line had been broken up, the train passed on amid enthusiastic cheers from the crowd.

CYCLONE IN POLAND.

Many People Killed and a Number
Injured in a Church.

Warsaw, Oct. 24.—The city of Lublin, capital of the province of that name in Russian Poland, was visited by a hurricane to-day, which resulted in loss of life and great damage to property.

The light struck the cathedral, which was filled with worshippers, and a tower fell into the interior of the church, killing several persons outright and wounding many others. The panic-stricken congregation, shrieking with terror, made a rush for the doors, and many men, women and children were crushed to death or seriously injured in the struggling mass of humanity.

FOUGHT IN COURT.

Ex-Congressman Finkelburg At-
tacked an Opposing Attorney.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 24.—Circuit Court Judge Smith, who presided over a rough and tumble fight between ex-Congressman Gustav A. Finkelburg and Attorney James M. Shelly after Judge Woods opened court for the hearing of motions in the now celebrated Pulitzer-Jones controversy for the control of the Post-Dispatch.

In his attack Mr. Finkelburg, who represents Mr. Pulitzer's interests, made a statement which Gen. Shelly, attorney for Mr. Jones, characterized as a lie. Mr. Finkelburg immediately struck Gen. Shelly a severe blow in the face.

The men then clinched and fought for some time, spilling considerable blood. They were separated by court attendants.

SHOPLIFTERS CAUGHT.

Prominent Young Men Members of
the Gang.

Bloomington, Ind., Oct. 24.—A gang of shoplifters was unceremoniously policed to-day. Six of the members are young men of prominent families, who were given up to the authorities. They all came back in due season except the boat containing Ed. Carigan and Isaac Little. A diligent search was made for them, but they could not be found.

INSANITY THE PLEA.

Defense in the Pague Court-Martial
at Chicago.

Chicago, Oct. 24.—The court-martial appointed to try the charges against Lieut. S. Pague held its third sitting at Fort Sheridan to-day, and the examination of the first witness called for the defense indicated that the plea of insanity would be urged in mitigation of the offense.

Capt. Norton Strong, assistant surgeon at the post, was in medical charge of the accused just prior to the shooting, and testified that in his opinion the lieutenant was not responsible for his actions.

TWO MEN LOST.

Were Part of the Crew of the Schooner
Lizzie Griffin.

Gloucester, Mass., Oct. 24.—The schooner Lizzie Griffin, which came in to-day, reports the loss of four men. On October 9 the crew went out in dories to attend the fishing. They all came back in due season except the boat containing Ed. Carigan and Isaac Little. A diligent search was made for them, but they could not be found.

Murder Mystery Deepens.

Pittsburg, Oct. 24.—To-day in criminal court, on motion of attorneys in the case of Charles H. Evans, charged with the murder of Isaac Jope, at the First Avenue Hotel, was released on his own recognizance. This practically closes the first chapter in one of the most mysterious murder cases in the history of Allegheny county, and is the first sentence on record where a man charged with murder was released without bail.

Austria After a Surplus.

Vienna, Oct. 24.—The Austrian Budget for the ensuing year calls for 983,000,000 florins, which amount is 212,000,000 florins in excess of estimated expenditures. The surplus for 1895 was 2,500,000 florins.



ENGLAND GROWS JEALOUS

Our Naval Officers Excluded
from the Royal School.

OLD CUSTOM ABROGATED

Chagrin at the Success of American
Constructors Coupled with Jealousy
of Her Ship Plans Ascribed as the
Cause—Naval Officers Surprised at
the Edict.

Lieutenant Commander Cowles, the naval attaché of the United States embassy in London, has informed the Navy Department that the Royal School of Naval Architecture at Greenwich will hereafter decline to receive any constructors of the United States Navy.

No reason for this action is assigned. Post graduate courses for American constructors are still open at Greenwich and Paris, and the United States Navy has recently received a similar course at its curriculum.

The Glasgow school is a private institution and several members of the construction corps of the United States Navy received advanced training in naval architecture there.

WHAT OFFICERS SAY.

At the Navy Department several reasons are ascribed for the action of the Greenwich establishment, which is a government affair. It is believed by some officials that the real cause of the decision to receive any constructors of the United States Navy.

Another supposition is that Great Britain believes that the United States constructors have advanced so far in the construction of war ships that there is no necessity for a further extension of the course extended our young constructors, who may receive equally good training at home.

JEALOUSY OF OUR CADETS.

But a far more interesting suggestion is that the British naval authorities have become "nervous" over the success of the American constructors in the Greenwich establishment, taking prizes over the heads of the British students.

Nearly every year a member of the naval construction corps of the United States has taken either first or second prize, and sometimes both these prizes have been secured by the young Americans.

During the past twelve years the United States Government has sent to the Greenwich school graduates of the Naval Academy, Annapolis, who have given up appointments as assistant naval constructors. These have received valuable training and return to the United States thoroughly equipped for the work of designing war ships.

EXPLORING HUDSON BAY.

Expedition Will Be Sent Out by the
Canadian Government.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 24.—It is practically settled that the government will send an exploring expedition to Hudson Bay next summer. The expedition will be composed of Hudson Bay and the country immediately adjacent to it.

Hugh Sutherland, president of the Hudson Bay Railway, had a long interview with Minister of the Interior Coogan in regard to the proposed expedition.

BEATS WORLD'S RECORD.

More Than a Mile a Minute from New
York to Buffalo.

Buffalo, Oct. 24.—The Lake Shore fast train arrived here at 11:30:34 a. m. Elapsed time, 8:01:07.

Average, including stops, 63.10 miles per hour.

Average, excluding stops, 64.98 miles per hour.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT MEETING.

Montreal, Oct. 24.—Dominion minister of public works informed a reporter to-day that the Dominion Parliament would positively meet January 2, and that remedial legislation would be immediately introduced, and passed, Manitoba having failed to comply with the demands of the Dominion government.

McNulty Found Dead.

Pittsburg, Oct. 24.—Last night Andrew McNulty and his wife were drunk and died on Ross street. They were arrested and taken to the Central police station. At 6 o'clock this morning, when the prisoners were awakened, it was discovered that McNulty was dead.

RUSSIA SENDS FIFTEEN VESSELS TO

Ports of Fusan and Chemulpo.

Japan Recalls Her Fleet from For-
mosa, Directs It to Proceed North-
ward—Protests Against Russia.

London, Oct. 24.—The Globe to-day prints a dispatch from Shanghai saying that in consequence of the disturbed condition of Korea the Russian government has dispatched from Vladivostok a squadron of fifteen vessels for Fusan and Chemulpo.

It is stated that the Japanese government has replied to Russia's demand for the evacuation of Japan of Korea, protesting against undue dictation by Russia in Korean affairs.

The dispatch also states that the Japanese fleet, which has been stationed at the island of Formosa, has been recalled and will proceed to the northward.

It is regarded as certain, the dispatch adds, that Russia will occupy permanently the port of Fusan.

PROSPERITY OF THE SOUTH.

Large Numbers of New and Im-
proved Enterprises Reported.

Baltimore, Oct. 24.—The general business condition of the South, as indicated by reports to the Manufacturers' Record, during the week ending Oct. 19, was very encouraging.

The unusually large crop have placed the farmers in an independent position and the Atlanta Exposition is attracting extraordinary interest in all sections of the country towards the South.

A company has been formed to construct 200 miles of railroad through one of the most fertile and timbered sections of West Virginia. Several new cotton manufacturing plants are projected, including one each in Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina and Mississippi.

The demand for manufactured iron is on the increase, and another furnace in West Virginia is preparing to go into blast, while two additional furnaces are to be built in the Alabama district.

MONARCH OF ALL BE SURVEYS.

Half Caste German Defies the Sa-
noum Supreme Court.

San Francisco, Oct. 24.—Correspondence of the United Press, per steamer Mariposa—Apia, Samoa, Oct. 19.—There is likely to be some trouble with a high chief in the island of Samoa.

A half caste German subject named Lahan inherited from his father, lately deceased, the whole of this small island, and the latter had effected numerous improvements during his thirty odd years of occupancy, but had not secured a good title.

The supreme court, on investigation, awarded the land to Lahan on payment of a certain sum to the natives.

The court title has been issued to Lahan, Jr., but the high chief claiming the island, defies the court and threatens the life of Lahan if he should venture to return to Samoa.

SAYS IT IS INSANITY.

Dr. Cook Denounces the Use of Anti-
Toxine for Diphtheria.

Chicago, Oct. 24.—Dr. William H. Cook, of this city, who has spent forty years in the pursuit and practice of his profession, has prepared for distribution among the physicians of the city a pamphlet, in which he denounces the use of the anti-toxine remedy for diphtheria as insanity and accuses the commissioner of health of Chicago for permitting the department's physicians to use the serum.

He says that horse serum produces blood poisoning, that doctors are fools to inject it into human blood. The doctor declares that some persons are so susceptible to the poison that it kills them, and says the "mad" will disappear in a year.

SCHOONER LOST.

Supposed That Her Master and Crew
Were Drowned.

Cheboygan, Mich., Oct. 24.—The steam barge M. Groh arrived here this morning and reported that she became disabled off Manitoulin Island, Georgian Bay, during the prevalence of the late gale and was compelled to drop her consort, the schooner Cass S. D. Atwater, which drifted away. It is supposed that the schooner was wrecked on the Ducks and that all on board perished. The Atwater was commanded by Captain McBurnett and carried a crew of six men.

Another Indictment Against Smith.

Boston, Oct. 24.—The United States grand jury reported to-day another indictment against Rev. Frank Brett Smith, of the North Cambridge Congregational Church, recently indicted for the alleged sending of scurrilous and defamatory matter through the mails.

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NO CHOLERA IN HAWAII

Every Restriction On Account of
the Epidemic Removed.

FINANCES ARE CRAMPED

Ashford's Case Becoming Quite In-
teresting—His Commission from
the Ex-Queen as Associate Justice
Relied Upon to Prove His Treasur-
able Conduct.

(From a Staff Correspondent of the United Press, per Steamer Mariposa.)

Honolulu, Oct. 17, via San Francisco, Oct. 24.—It is twenty-nine days since the cholera epidemic ended and fifteen days since the last one of three later outbreaks.

Nearly every restriction caused by the prevalence has been removed by the board of health. A few slight precautions are still continued for a few days longer. Bathing and fishing in the harbor and in Nuuanu stream are still prohibited, somewhat being whether some germs may not linger there.

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AFTER ABYSSINIA.

Italian Cabinet Discussing the Policy
to Be Pursued.

Rome, Oct. 24.—Gen. Baratieri, governor of Erythraea, and commander of the Italian troops operating against the Abyssinians, telegraphed to the government a few days ago asking that authority be given to him to extend the Italian sphere over the whole of Abyssinia.

To-day Prime Minister Crispi covered the ministry in council to decide upon what action should be taken on the request.

Jealousy Made a Boy Do Murder.

Danville, Ill., Oct. 24.—John W. Kitchen, seventeen years of age, who formerly lived in Chicago, shot and killed Wm. Conates last night. Both were rivals for the affection of Miss Ida Meeker. Conates was twenty years old. Kitchen says Conates menaced him with a knife. He is in jail.

A Miner's Good Fortune.

Greensburg, Pa., Oct. 24.—Otis Jacoby, of Sutersville, employed in the mines of that place, has become suddenly wealthy by the death of an aunt in Philadelphia, who bequeathed him property to the value of \$275,000.

Tennille's Great Clothing Sale to-day
and Saturday.

Drink Washington Brewery Co.'s Ruby Lager.

CHINESE CAN'T BE KEPT OUT

Rev. Dr. McLean So Tells the
American Missionary Society.Only Hope for Civilizing Them Is to
Educate Chinese Missionaries
Here—Election of Officers.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 24.—The American Missionary Association at this morning's session selected Boston as the place for holding the jubilee annual meeting next year.

The committee on Chinese work recommended that pastors of congregational churches should pay more attention to the spiritual needs of the Chinese in America; advocated the erection of a new mission building in San Francisco, and commended the establishment of a Chinese mission at Sait Lake City. The report was adopted.

Rev. Dr. McLean, of Oakland, Cal., in an address stated that the Chinese could not be kept out of this country and to his mind it was an open question who was to possess the Pacific Coast, the Chinese or the Americans. He believed the only hope of civilizing the Chinese people is to educate Chinese missionaries here and send them back to their homes to preach the Gospel to their countrymen.

At the business session this afternoon the following officers were elected: President, Merrill E. Gales, Massachusetts; Vice-presidents, Rev. A. Noble, Illinois; Rev. A. McKim, Massachusetts; Rev. Henry Hopkins, Missouri; Rev. Henry A. Stinson, New York; and Rev. Washington Gooden, Ohio; secretary, Rev. M. E. Suter, New Jersey; corresponding secretaries, Rev. A. F. Beard, New York; Rev. P. F. Woodbury, New York; and Rev. C. J. Ryder, Connecticut; recording secretary, Rev. M. E. Suter, New York; treasurer, Henry W. Hubbard, New York; auditors, George Hickok and Wm. H. L. Nichols; executive committee for three years, Samuel H. Marples, New York; Charles L. Mead, New York; Wm. H. Strong, Michigan; and Eljah Burr, Massachusetts.

WISH FATHER TO THE THOUGHT.

Spanish Reports That Cleveland Will
Veto Action Favorable to Cuba.
(Special to The Times.)

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New York, Oct. 25.—The Herald's special from Havana says:

Madrid dispatches say that President Cleveland has promised Senator Dupuy de Lome to veto any action on the part of Congress favoring the Cubans.

CHICAGO, OR PITTSBURG.

Either of These Will Get the Repub-
lican National Convention.

New York, Oct. 24.—The Evening Sun says: It developed today that as a result of the conference last night between Senator Quay, Mr. Platt, Gen. James S. Clark, Chairman Carter, and the national committee, the Republican national convention of 1896 will be called to meet on or about June 10.

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